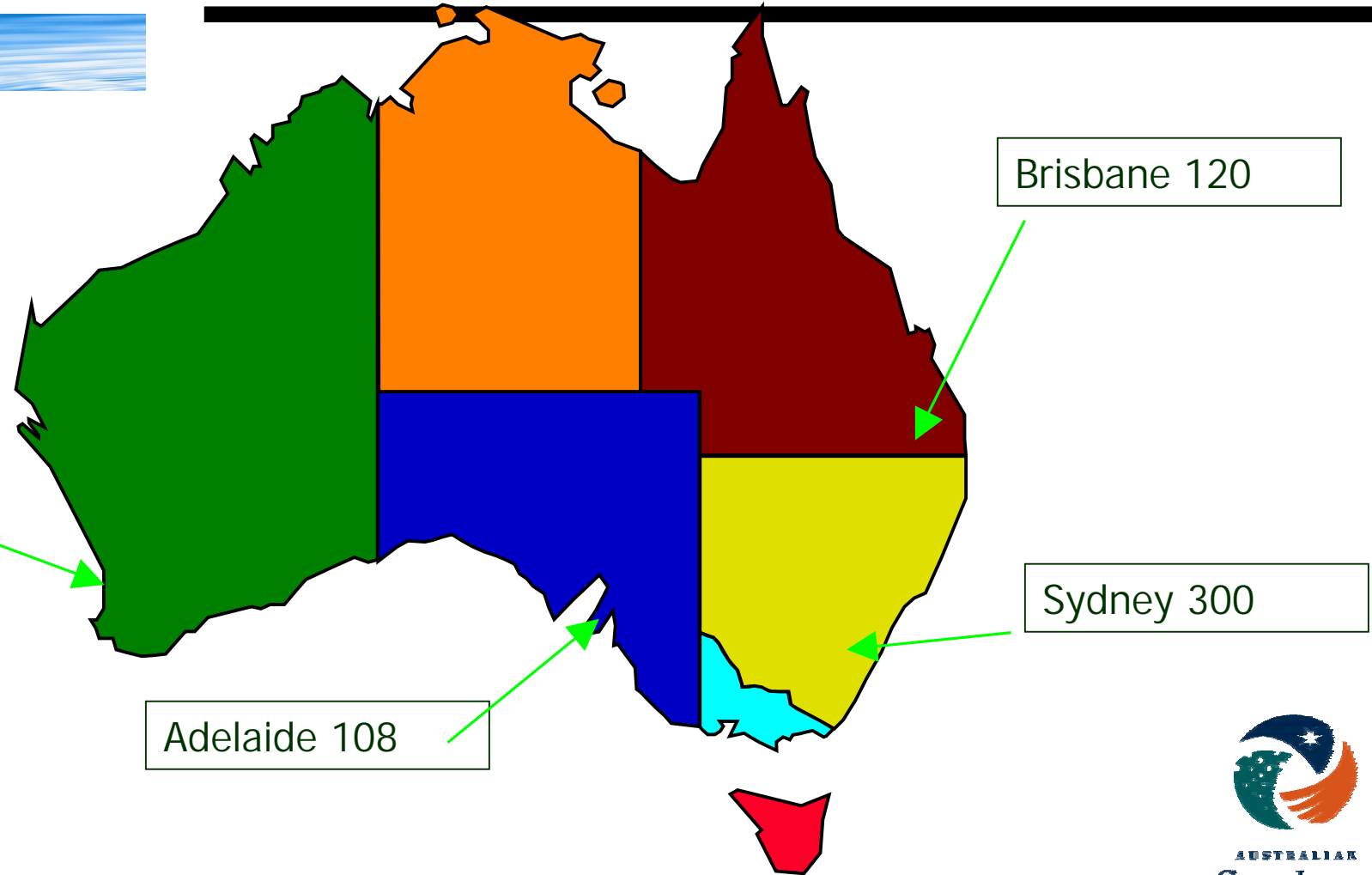
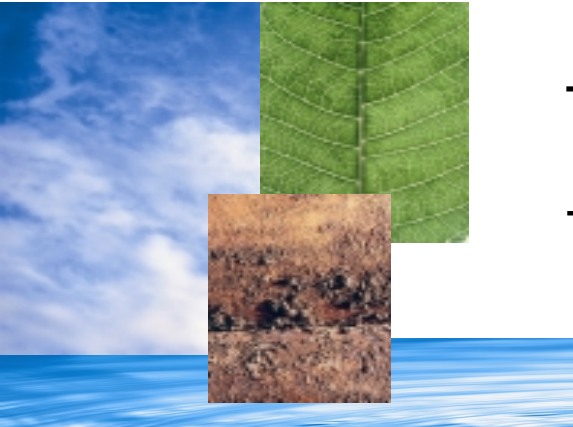


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The challenge - constraints on the alternative fuels sector

- OEMs reluctant to enter the Australian market because of its small size and the after-market costs of servicing a small number of ‘exotic’ vehicles.
- The lack of alternative fuels refuelling infrastructure, especially for CNG.
- Recent restructure of the gas industry.




The response

- Australia's alternative fuels industry remains, overall, a relatively fledgling industry - despite the fact that some sectors, such as LPG, are relatively mature.
- The government's recent efforts to grow the market since the have included lowering the eligibility threshold for the Fuel Grants Scheme to enable alternative-fuelled buses in Australia's cities to gain the benefits of the Scheme;
- the limited trial extension of the Conversion Program to cover alternative fuels apart from CNG and LPG; and
- support for the trial of a fuel-cell bus in Perth.



The response

- Other responses are being considered.
- It is, however, a safe bet that both the nature of Australia's alternative fuels industry and the government responses to the industry will continue to change and evolve - enjoy the ride.



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